

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Public Health	(2) MEETING DATE 8/26/2014	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Penny Borenstein / 781-5519	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve a one year renewal agreement (Clerk's File) with the California Department of Public Health to implement the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Nutrition program in the amount not to exceed \$1,255,795 for the period of October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015 and authorize a budget adjustment in the amount of \$27,375 from unanticipated revenue to FC 160 - Public Health. All Districts.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board: (1) Approve the one year renewal agreement with the California Department of Public Health to implement the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Nutrition Program; (2) Authorize a budget adjustment in the amount of \$27,375 from unanticipated revenue to FC 160 – Public Health for one time purchase of replacement computers and equipment as required by the State. (4/5 vote is required); and (3) Authorize the Health Agency Director to sign any amendments to the agreement that do not increase the level of General Fund support.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) Federal	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$1,255,795.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$1,255,795.00	(9) BUDGETED? \$1,228,420 – budgeted \$27,375 – not budgeted
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ____) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ____)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: 1415018 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4/5 Vote Required <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input type="checkbox"/> N/A Date: <u>2/28/2012</u>	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Reviewed by Leslie Brown			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts			

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jeff Hamm, Health Agency Director
Penny Borenstein, MD, MPH, Health Officer

DATE: August 26, 2014

SUBJECT: Request to approve a one year renewal agreement (Clerk's File) with the California Department of Public Health to implement the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Nutrition program in the amount not to exceed \$1,255,795 for the period of October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015 and authorize a budget adjustment in the amount of \$27,375 from unanticipated revenue for FC 160 - Public Health. All Districts.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board:

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- (3) Authorize the Health Agency Director to sign any amendments to the agreement that do not increase the level of General Fund support.

DISCUSSION

This is a one year renewal agreement with the California Department of Public Health to implement the WIC Nutrition Program for the period of October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015.

In previous years, the State WIC Program has issued a three year contract term for local WIC services, called a "Cooperative Agreement." For the Federal Fiscal Year 2015 contract, the State WIC Program changed the contract type (now called a "Subvention Local Assistance Contract") and the term will be one year, with a possible 12 month extension (detailed in Exhibit E Additional Provisions, Paragraph 8). According to a new interpretation of State WIC rules, Cooperative Agreements must be competitively bid and Subvention Local Assistance Contracts do not. The State WIC Program did not do a competitive bid for the FFY 2015 Funding Application, which required them to go with the Subvention Local Assistance Contracts contract type.

The Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program is a federally funded program that provides healthy supplemental foods and nutrition counseling for pregnant women, new mothers, infants and children up to the age of five. The program has been in operation in our community since 1976. The WIC Program provides nutrition education, breastfeeding promotion, medical care and social service referrals, and coupons to purchase specific supplemental nutritious foods. The specific nutritious foods provided to participants include peanut butter, beans, milk, cheese, eggs, fresh fruit and vegetables, whole grain cereal and bread products, canned fish, vitamin C rich juices, iron-fortified infant formula and jar baby foods. These coupons are redeemed at participating local grocery stores.

The goals of the WIC program are to reduce the complications of pregnancy; reduce iron deficiency anemia in women,

infants and children; decrease the prevalence of low birth weight infants; and promote the optimum growth and development of infants and young children. Numerous national studies have also shown that low income pregnant women who participate in WIC seek earlier prenatal care, consume a healthier diet, have longer pregnancies leading to fewer premature births, have fewer low birth-weight babies, and experience fewer fetal and infant deaths. Children participating in WIC have healthier growth, healthier diets and improved cognitive development.

WIC is available to low income pregnant, breastfeeding, and postpartum women and children under age five who are at nutritional risk and who are at or below 185 percent of the federal poverty level. The WIC Program operates two permanent sites in Grover Beach and Paso Robles and five satellite offices located in Atascadero, Cambria, Morro Bay, Nipomo, and San Luis Obispo.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

County Counsel has approved the agreement as to form and legal effect.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The agreement includes a maximum funding amount of \$1,255,795 for Federal Fiscal Year 2014-2015 (October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015). Public Health's adopted budget includes expense and revenue in the amount of \$1,228,420 for the WIC Program. The County budget does not include funding for any replacement computer equipment for this program. The State is releasing an additional \$27,375 for one time purchases of 15 replacement laptops. The State WIC program requires IT equipment be replaced on a 3 year cycle. WIC program staff work throughout the County at various locations, using laptops to access the State WIC data center. Approval of this agreement will not increase the level of General Fund required by the Health Agency.

RESULTS

Between FY 2011-2014 the WIC Program was allocated a monthly caseload to provide services to 4,975 women, infants and children each month. On average the WIC program served 4,830 (97.1%) participants each month. Services provided to participants include:

- coupons to purchase healthy foods
- nutrition, breastfeeding and oral health education
- childhood obesity prevention education
- referrals to health care and other social services.

In 2013, the WIC Program was awarded the California State Association of Counties Merit Award for WIC Dental Days. Dental Days are a collaboration between WIC and the Oral Health Program with the goal of improving the oral health of WIC families. Over 1,200 children are seen each year and are provided screening, education, fluoride treatments, and referral for care to local providers.

The WIC program supports the County's overall goal of a Healthy Community, "to ensure all people in our community enjoy healthy, successful and productive lives, and have access to the basic necessities."

ATTACHMENTS

1. Clerk's file statement for the renewal agreement with the California Department of Public Health